

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL	:	CIVIL ACTION
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v.	:	
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INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS	:	NO. 02-2746

FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 16 PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

STANDARD TRACK CASES

AND NOW, TO WIT, this 10th day of July, 2002, following a preliminary pretrial conference, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The parties will exchange their Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures no later than **August 15, 2002**. The parties may exchange Requests for Production of Documents within seven (7) business days after the exchange of their Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures. Afterwards, all non-expert discovery shall proceed forthwith and continue in such manner as will assure that all requests for and responses to discovery will be served and noticed so as to be completed by no later than **July 1, 2003**.

2. At the end of non-expert discovery, expert disclosures shall be made in the following sequence: Plaintiff in support of its claims and Defendants in support of their counterclaims shall make Rule 26(a)(2)(B) disclosures by **August 1, 2003**. Defendants in their defense to Plaintiff's claims and Plaintiff in its defense to Defendants' counterclaims shall make Rule 26(a)(2)(B) disclosures by **October 1, 2003**. Any opinions and supporting evidence intended solely to contradict or rebut the same subject matter identified by another party shall be disclosed by no later than **November 10, 2003**. Expert depositions shall be completed by **January 9, 2004**.

3. Dispositive motions shall be filed no later than **February 15, 2004**. Response shall be due by **March 15, 2004**, and replies by **March 30, 2004**.

4. On or before **May 11, 2004**, counsel for each party shall serve upon counsel for every other party:

(a) the original or a copy of each exhibit they expect to offer at trial in furtherance of their respective contentions. Each party shall mark its trial exhibits in advance of trial with consecutive numbers appropriately prefixed with an identifying letter of counsel's choice (i.e., P-1, P-2; D-1, D-2);

(b) curriculum vitae for each expert witness expected to testify; and

(c) a specific identification of each discovery item expected to be offered into evidence.

5. All parties shall prepare and file with the Clerk of Court their pretrial memoranda in accordance with this Order and Local Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1(c), as follows:

Plaintiffs - on or before **May 11, 2004**.

Defendants - on or before **May 18, 2004**.

All motions in limine shall be filed on or before **May 18, 2004**. Responses thereto are due on or before **May 25, 2004**.

In addition to compliance with Local Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1(c), the parties shall include the following in, or attached to, their pretrial memoranda:

a. A listing of the identity of each expert witness to be called at trial by the party;

b. a curriculum vitae for each expert witness listed;

c. a listing of each fact witness to be called at trial with a brief statement of the nature of their expected testimony (witnesses not listed may not be called by that party in its case-in-chief);

d. an itemized statement of claimant's damages or other relief sought;

e. a statement of any anticipated important legal issues on which the Court will be required to rule, together with counsel's single best authority on each such issue.

One copy (1) of the pretrial memoranda shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court and two (2) copies shall be sent to the Court (Chambers).

6. A final pretrial conference for this matter will be held on **May 24, 2004**, at **9:30 a.m.** in chambers (Room 6614).

7. (a) If a jury trial is scheduled, the parties shall file in writing with the Clerk of Court one (1) copy of joint proposed jury instructions on substantive issues and proposed verdict forms or special interrogatories to the jury. The parties shall also file one (1) copy of proposed jury instructions, verdict forms, or special interrogatories on those issues not agreed upon by the parties in their joint submission. These filings shall be made **on or before May 25, 2004**. Jury instructions shall be submitted each on a separate sheet of paper, double spaced, with accurate quotes from and citations to cases and pattern jury instructions where appropriate.

(b) If a non-jury trial is scheduled, the parties shall file one (1) copy of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law with the Clerk of the Court on or before **May 25, 2004**. One (1) copy of the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be sent to the Court (Chambers).

8. **No later than three days** before the date trial is scheduled to commence if a date certain, or three days before case appears in the trial pool, the parties shall file a complete and comprehensive stipulation of uncontested facts pursuant to paragraph (d)(2)(b)(2) of Local Rule of Civil Procedure 16.1; the original shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court, and two (2) copies shall be submitted to the Court (Chambers).

9. At the commencement of trial, the parties shall provide the Court with three (3) copies of a schedule of exhibits which shall briefly describe each exhibit. At the trial, the parties shall provide the Court with two (2) copies of each exhibit at the time of its first use at trial.

10. This case will be listed for trial as follows:

Date Certain: _____ at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom **6-A**.

Civil Trial Pool: **June 1, 2004**

Counsel should consider themselves attached as of this date.

COUNSEL PLEASE NOTE: This Scheduling Order will be the only written notice counsel receive of the date this case will be tried. Counsel and all parties shall be prepared to commence trial on that date and as soon thereafter as counsel receive telephone notice that trial is to commence. If the case is a pool case, counsel should have the responsibility to maintain contact with the deputy clerk once the case goes into the pool. Every effort will be made to give counsel at least 24 hours notice and hopefully 48 hours notice of commencement of trial. Pool cases are to be ready for trial as of the date they are placed in the pool and are frequently not called in the order in which they appear.

11. Any party having an objection to: (a) the admissibility of any exhibit based on authenticity; (b) the adequacy of the qualifications of an expert witness expected to testify; (c) the admissibility for any reason (except relevancy) of any item of evidence expected to be offered, or

(d) the admissibility of any opinion testimony from lay witnesses pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 701 shall set forth separately each such objection, clearly and concisely, in their pretrial memorandum. Such objection shall describe with particularity the ground and the authority for the objection. Unless the court concludes at trial that manifest injustice will result, the Court can be expected to overrule any objection offered at trial in respect to any matter covered by (a), (b), (c) and/or (d) above, if the Court concludes that the objection should have been made as required by this Order.

12. Only those exhibits, discovery items and expert witnesses identified in the manner set forth in this Order shall be considered by the Court for admission into evidence at trial, unless stipulated to by all affected parties and approved by the Court, or by Order of Court so as to avoid manifest injustice.

13. Because a witness may be unavailable at the time of trial in the manner defined in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 32(a)(3), the Court expects use of oral or videotape depositions at trial of any witness whose testimony a party believes essential to the presentation of that party's case, whether that witness is a party, a non-party or an expert. The unavailability of any such witness will not be a ground to delay the commencement or progress of an ongoing trial. In the event a deposition is to be offered, the offering party shall file with the Court, prior to the commencement of the trial, a copy of the deposition, but only after all efforts have been made to resolve objections with other counsel. Unresolved objections shall be noted in the margin of the deposition page(s) where a Court ruling is necessary.

JOHN R. PADOVA, J.